

CONGRESSMAN RODNEY ALEXANDER

ON THE ISSUES



As the representative for the 5th Congressional District of Louisiana, Congressman Rodney Alexander (D-Quitman) represents the families living in nearly 1/3 of the state. The predominantly rural district, which includes 22 of Louisiana's 64 Parishes and covers the eastern half of the state from the Arkansas border in the north all the way down to Acadiana, has been declared one of the poorest congressional districts in the country. Because of that, Congressman Alexander has focused his attention on things that can help make life better for the people he represents.

“I believe there isn’t a more important issue than family. The biggest thing people think of when they get up each morning is the health and welfare of their family.”

- Rodney Alexander

JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

As the representative for the 9th poorest congressional district in the nation, Congressman Alexander knows that the key to developing quality, high paying jobs is a solid infrastructure from which to build.

That’s why, from day one, Alexander has focused on securing the funds and support necessary for the communities he represents to develop efficient methods of transportation, including roads, airports and ports, as well as readily available water and electrical supplies.

“I will do whatever it takes to make sure that the 5th district gets every penny possible for economic development and that every business – big and small – knows all about the great things we have to offer here in Louisiana.”

Alexander has also worked hard to be an ambassador of economic development for the region. Reaching out to everyone possible to keep local business thriving and to encourage new business’ to locate in the region.

Sitting on the House Agriculture Committee, Congressman Alexander is especially focused on supporting the 5th District’s agricultural industry – ensuring that our diverse crops and livestock receive all the assistance they need to compete and succeed in today’s markets.

EDUCATION:

As the husband of an educator, Congressman Alexander hears more than most about the importance of a quality education for the future success of our children.

"We must stand behind our promise to 'Leave No Child Behind' – regardless of where they live or how much money their family makes."

Having attended public schools in the region from Kindergarten all the way through to his time at Louisiana Tech in Ruston, Congressman Alexander understands all too well the difficulties and challenges faced by our public schools.

That's why he believes that its Louisiana's teachers and community leaders who know best what they face and why they should be the ones telling the government what kind of help is needed.

Congressman Alexander knows that education is the key to success and is committed to seeing that every child gets a quality education that will let them find a high paying job.

HEALTH CARE:

Having served as the chairman of the Louisiana Legislature's House Health and Welfare Committee for many years before coming to Washington, Congressman Alexander knows all too well the unique conditions of Louisiana's healthcare system.

He knows that having access to quality healthcare is one of, if not the, most important thing for the survival of any community. That's why Alexander has been working to ensure that new policies are implemented that will benefit rural healthcare providers, while fighting to help secure much needed dollars for important healthcare projects in the region.

"Having access to quality healthcare is one of the most important things for any community. After all, how can we expect a student to learn or a worker to do their job if they are too sick to stand?"

From his fight to secure funds for rural hospitals to his support for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, Alexander always weighs the consequences of a decision for Louisiana's healthcare system and sides with the healthcare needs of the people living in the 5th district.

VETERANS:

As a veteran himself and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Congressman Alexander understands the sacrifices our veterans have made for our country. Because those

"Our troops put their lives on the line to protect our freedom and in exchange we promise to care for them when they no longer can. That's not only fair, but right . . . and I intend to see that we keep our promise!"

brave men and women put their lives on the line to defend our freedom, Alexander believes we owe them the care and respect that they have earned. That's why he is committed to ensuring that America keeps her promise to our troops.

Alexander has worked to ensure the Veterans Administration receives the funding necessary to fulfill their charter, providing readily available access to health care and other essential services for veterans regardless of where they live. He has fought to end an unfair rule that keeps disabled veterans from receiving their full pensions. And, he has pushed to get new veteran cemeteries for Louisiana's veterans.

NATIONAL SECURITY & OUR TROOPS:

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee Congressman Alexander actively reviews and oversees the way our military operates. He is committed to ensuring that the men and women of our armed forces have all the training, equipment and support that they need to do their duty and return home safely.

Alexander believes that maintaining the safety and stability of the country is one of the main reasons the U.S. Government exists. That's why he has, and will continue to support the use of military force where it is deemed necessary for national security.

"There is nothing I won't do when it comes to the safety of the people and the country that I love."

Knowing that we ask a lot of our troops Alexander is dedicated to providing the best care and assistance to the men and women who show so much courage and dedication to our country and the values we uphold.

LOUISIANA'S FAMILY VALUES:

Congressman Alexander has been able to bring the proud values of Louisiana's 5th District to Washington where he fights for the families and businesses he represents. Having grown up around the small town of Quitman, Alexander is himself deeply rooted with Louisiana's strong values.

"I'm proud to be from Louisiana, where we tell it like it is and know right from wrong."

Married for over thirty-five years and a father of three and grandfather of four, Alexander knows what it means to raise a family right. A strong Christian, Alexander not only believes in, but fights for, the sanctity of life and marriage.

An avid outdoorsman, Alexander stands up for every Americans 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms.